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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-A

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Sir:

In connection with the subject new application (filed concurrently herewith), please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 5-12 as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

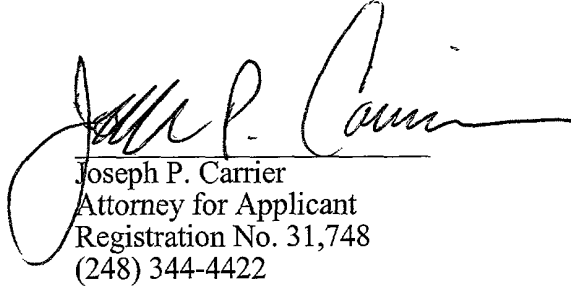
Upon entry of the present Preliminary Amendment-A the claims in the application are claims 1-12, of which claims 1 and 8 are independent.

New claims 5-12 have been added to further define aspects of the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the above amendments are fully supported by the original application, and that no new matter is added by the amendments.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

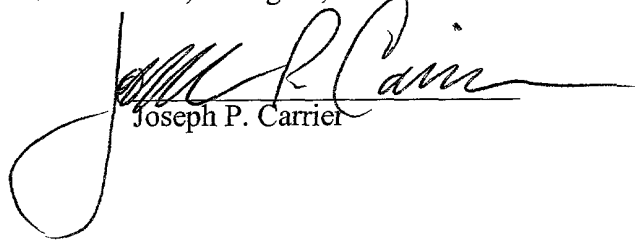
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5. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the fuel pipe is for use on a vehicle and extends between a fuel tank and an engine of the vehicle.

6. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 5, wherein the fuel pipe is one of a fuel feed pipe and a fuel return pipe.

7. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 1, wherein the conductive clamp is flexible and formed of a conductive resin.

8. An antistatic structure of a vehicular fuel pipe, comprising:

the fuel pipe;

another pipe fixed to a vehicle body in an electrically conductive manner; and

a conductive clamp coupling adjacent portions of the fuel pipe and the other pipe.

9. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein said adjacent portions of the fuel pipe

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and the other pipe are disposed close to each other in parallel.

10. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the other pipe is a brake pipe, and the brake pipe is electrically connected to the vehicle body through a bracket for supporting a connecting portion of the brake pipe to a brake hose.

11. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the conductive clamp is constituted by an electrically conductive synthetic resin.

12. The antistatic structure of a fuel pipe according to claim 8, wherein the fuel pipe is one of a fuel feed pipe and a fuel return pipe, and extends between a fuel tank and an engine of the vehicle.

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